पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री ब्रह्म दत्त) : (क) और (ख) मध्य प्रदेश में अलाट करने के लिये निश्चित किये गये पैट्रोल पम्पों/डीजल पम्पों तथा गैस एजेंसियों की संख्या इस प्रकार है :—

1986–87	खुदरा बिक्री केन्द्र	एल पी जी एजेंसियां
कुल	46	9
अ०जा०।अ०ज०जा०	14	2
%	30.5%	22.22%
1987–88		
कुल	20	11
अ०ज०/अ०ज०जा०	4	3
%	20%	27.27%

नीति संबंधी मार्ग निर्देशों में अनुसूचित जाति/अनुसूचित जनजाति के लिये सभी डीलरशीपों/वितरणशिपों में 25% आरक्षण की व्यवस्था है तथा अधिकतर मामलों में इस आरक्षण को बनाये रखा जा रहा है।

(ग) अनुसूचित जातियों/जनजाति के उम्मीदवारों को मिलने वाली रियायतों में ये शामिल हैं (i) डीलरशिपों के लिये कम आवेदन शुल्क लेना (ii) एल पी०जी वितरणशिप के लिये कोई सिक्योरिटी की राशि नहीं और (iii) कुल आवश्यकता का 75% तक कार्यशील पूंजी और आवधिक ऋण दोनों के लिये रियायती दरों पर सभी सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र के बैंक वित्तीय सहायता देते है।

Leasing of machinery scheme of NSIDC

*74. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that under the new 20-Point Economic Programme, the National Small Industries Development Corporation has extended its 'Leasing of machinery scheme' to the new small scale units having valid provisional registrations from Directorate of Industries/District Industries Centres so as to generate more employment and end poverty speedily;

(b) whether it is also a fact that NSIDC are still insisting on co-lateral security or third party guarantee inspite of Government's directive not to do so upto a specific amount limit; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (c) National Small Industrial Corporation (NSIC) operates in the area of machinery supply two schemes viz. Hire Purchase Scheme and Equipment Leasing Scheme. The Hire Purchase Scheme introducted in 56 is available to existing small scale units as well as new entrepreneurs. The Equipment Leasing Scheme, introduced in January, 1987, is however; applicable only to existing technically and financially viable registered small scale units for modernisation/expansion and not for new units.

As per the directive issued by the Reserve Bank of India, no collateral security is to be called for if the cost of the equipment is less than Rs. 25,000. Since the NSIC's scheme for Equipment Leasing envisages a minimum value of Rs. 1 lakh for the equipment, collateral security will not be exempt even in therms of RBTs directive. Third Party personal guarantee to cover one year's rentals or adequate collateral security is insisted upon.

Oil/gas production

*75. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) how many new oil/gas producing wells have been brought into operation during the last three years;

(b) what has been the quantity of crude/gas added by operating these new wells;

(c) what is the number of wells which have exhausted/closed down during the above period and what has been the loss on this account; and

(d) what has been the quantity alongwith the estimated cost of gas being flared up during the last three years and what steps are being taken to stop it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) 460 new oil wells and 12 new gas wells have been brought into operation during the last three years.

(b) The estimated quantity of oil and gas added by operating these wells is 30518 tonnes per day of oil and 311000 M^3 per day of gas.

(c) OIL have had to close down one well for operational reasons OIL have put on production another well to exploit the same reservoir. No producing wells have been exhausted/closed down during last 3 years in ONGC.

(d) The total of gas flared in the country during the last three years is as follows:-

Year	Quantity of gas flared (MMm 3)	Notional value (Rs. in crores
1985-86 . . .	3118	31.18
1986-87 . . .	2718	27.18
1987-88 . . .	3422	171.10

The national value of gas has been worked out for 1985-86 and 1986-87 based on the minimum price of Rs. 100 1000 M^3 prevailing upto January, 1987. For 1987-88, minimum price of Rs. 500/- per 1000 M^3 has been assumed as the national value.

The following are the major steps taken to reduce flaring of gas:

(i) Compression facilities have been augmented and are being further developed.

(ii) Fall back consumers are being encouraged who can take gas when the regular consumers fail to utilise the committed offtake. 15 per cent discount is given on the basic price for the fall back consumers.

(iii) Additional consumers have been developed in the North-Eastern Region where the off take by regular consumers has been very low.

As a result of the various measures taken, the percentage of gas flared compared to the total production has come down from 42 per cent in 1984-85 to 30 per cent in 1987-88.

Maruti Gypsy model

*76. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA:
SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Suzuki Samurai on which Maruti Gypsy is modelled, has been found to be unsafe by the United States; and

(b) if so, whether any care is being taken in the manufacture of Gypsy to safeguard the lives of the travelling public?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Government have seen a report appearing in Sunday Observer (3—9 July, 1988) under the caption "Maruti Gypsy Unsafe?" reporting the findings of a consumer body in United States that Suzuki Samurai was found unsafe in routine tests Maruti Gypsy is a different vehicle from Suzuki Samurai.

(b) The Gypsy has been found to be roadworthy in all respects by the competent authorities in India.